

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration in view of the previous amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-22, 24-28 and 30-34 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 17, 23, and 29 are canceled. Claims 20, 26 and 32, indicated as containing patentable subject matter by the Examiner, have been placed in independent form. Thus, this application should be in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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